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**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- Read about the latest news from METC TIO
- Find out how the plans for Camp Bullis are coming along
- METC Logistics "ROC" Drill news

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# METC Chat

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## Countdown to METC!

Just in case you've been wondering, there are only 495 days left until the first METC class starts training our tri-service enlisted medical courses at Ft Sam Houston! The first course to begin at METC will be the Biomedical Equipment Maintenance Specialty Course. The BMET course will start on 4 Aug 10.

—MSgt Ralph Cuevas

Hi! My name is Linda Fryar and I am your librarian at the 882 TRG Academic Library. I would like to explain what is going to happen to the library due to the BRAC move. First let me tell you a little about the library. The library has over 12,000 volumes, subscribes to 65 newspapers and journals, and over 350 video and audio products. We had a circulation of 19,909 the last FY. Attendance for FY08 was 38,668. Closure of the

# 495



(Above) Construction on the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) dormitories can be seen in the distance from one of the entrances to Ft Sam Houston.

library has been projected for August 2010.

Fort Sam Houston library is at this time, looking at our materials to select the items they would like for us to send to them. After their se-

lection, we will look at what is left and decide what to do with the remainder of the library. Courses that have a library listed for their accreditation will be given the highest priority.

## METC Buildings Under Construction



(Above) Medical Instruction Facilities (MIF) #1 and 2 are under construction on Ft Sam Houston in San Antonio,



(Above) The two-story METC Dining Facility, largest in DoD, is under construction on Ft Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

# 882d Course Stop/METC Start Dates (Draft)

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>FINAL 882 START/END</u>	<u>METC START</u>
Biomedical Equip Maint Spec.	8 Mar 10/6 Jan 11	4 Aug 10
Cardiopulmonary	20 May 11/31 Aug 11	15 Sep 11
Dental Assist Apprentice	29 Jun 10/3 Sep 10	4 Oct 10
Dental Laboratory Specialty	17 May 10/8 Nov 10	9 Aug 10
Diagnostic Imaging Apprentice	6 May 10/13 Aug 10	20 Sep 10
Diagnostic Ultrasound Adv Course	25 Mar 10/24 May 10	10 Jan 11
Diet Therapy	1 Jun 10/2 Jul 10	10 Jan 11
Health Car Spec. (AMSA)	17 Dec 10/5 Apr 11	18 Apr 11
Health Service Mgt. Apprentice	25 Jun 10/17 Aug 10	4 Oct 10
Independent Duty Med Tech	4 Nov 10/14 Feb 11	11 Apr 11
Medical Laboratory	1 May 10/7 Sep 10	1 Nov 10
Medical Material (Logistics)	14 Jun 11/18 Jul 11	3 Oct 11
Mental Health Spec.	9 Jun 10/11 Sep 10	8 Nov 10
Ophthalmic	6 May 11/22 Jul 11	3 Oct 11
Pharmacy Apprentice	19 Mar 10/16 Jun 10	13 Sep 10
Physical Medicine (PT)	25 Jan 10/18 May 10	4 Oct 10
Surgical Service Apprentice	14 Jul 10/15 Sep 10	1 Nov 10

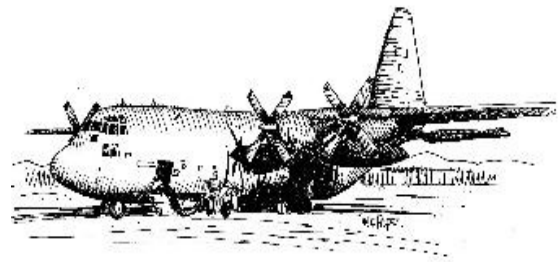
## Camp Bullis Update

Air Staff has approved a recent request for the acquisition of a C-130E for use during Medical Readiness training at Camp Bullis. The aircraft, currently on active flight status at Ramstein AB will transfer to AETC for conversion to a training aid for medical requirements.

The C-130E will depart

Ramstein AB and make its final landing at Lackland AFB, where the wings will be removed and the fuselage modified for medical training. Upon the completion of trainer modification phase, the craft will be transported to Camp Bullis.

—MSgt Ralph Cuevas



**Camp Bullis is located just north of San Antonio, Texas.**

# News from METC TIO Ft Sam Houston

It has definitely been a busy year so far, I'm sure you would agree! It is only March but there's a lot going on here in San Antonio, so I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the activities happening down here.

In February several contracts were awarded. The contract to conduct UXO (unexploded ordnance) clearance on the 125-acre medical readiness site at Camp Bullis (CB) was awarded and the clearance will take place during March and April 2009. The CB construction contract was also awarded and will begin after UXO clearance is completed. Lastly, the Medical Instructional Facility (MIF) #5 construction contract was awarded (MIF #5 includes AF Ophthalmic and Cardiopulmonary training programs). With the awarding of the two construction contracts, we have more solid dates of when the facilities will be ready for training and will be working with you at the Learning Centers (LCs) to plan the phasing of programs and movement of resources (personnel and equipment) to Ft Sam and CB. Mike McCullough and I recently visited CB and Mike took some photos of the site, knowing that it will soon change forever with UXO clearance and construction...it is exciting to visualize the future of readiness training at CB...it will truly be awesome when it is ready for training in June 2010



A manpower summit was held here 4-6 March with representatives from all three Services. Lt Col Franke, Capt Strater and Ed Washburn attended from 882 TRG. Manpower personnel from AETC came to the out brief. Since I was only able to attend the out brief, I will let others share their thoughts on the entire summit, but I heard there was a lot of great team work and the meeting was very productive.

The week of 8 March was spring break in San Antonio, but it was also another very busy work week. The Health Care Interservice Training Office (HC-ITO) hosted an Interservice Training Advisor Board meeting 10-11 March with LC leadership in attendance. Then, on 12 March METC-TIO hosted a Flag Officer Steering Committee (FOSC) meeting with discussions about manpower and governance. While governance is critical to many issues and decisions, until a final decision is made, we will continue to press on with planning and exe-

cution, knowing that many decisions cannot wait and we can always "adjust fire" later on.

Academics is hosting the first of two face-to-face (F2F) meetings 16-27 March for medical logistics and diet therapy. These are the last two training programs to be looked at for new consolidation. Hopefully, the SMEs will be able to consolidate most of these programs.

In Strategic Plans and Programs we are working on a scheduling plan to lay out the iterations (start dates) for each training program after the first METC start date. We are also fine-tuning the requirements for office swing space. As with everything we do, we will always involve, and in most cases, rely on you all at the LCs to provide us with the information we need to best serve you.

I look forward to receiving the METC Chat every month and reading about all the exciting work you are doing at Sheppard (in addition to your regular, full-time schoolhouse jobs) to ensure METC moves closer to reality and will be a first-class center of training and education. Thanks for all you do!

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**(Above) Camp Bullis. The site is being cleared to make way for the future dormitory site.**



**(Above) Camp Bullis. Construction progress continues on the new medical clinic.**



**(Above) The Air Force and Navy HQ Admin Building. (AF HQ will be located on the 2d floor). Construction continues with completion expected in June 2009**



**(Above) One of the Medical Education and Training Center student dormitory rooms is outfitted with furniture as the project nears completion.**



## METC Logistics “ROC” Drill

On 18-19 March, the 882 TRG Medical Logistics flight participated in a tri-service Rehearsal of Concept (ROC) Drill at the AMEDDC&S ROC Drill facility. The purpose of the drill was to determine the way forward for logistics support during the transition to METC and during the period between when classes begin and the ultimate governance structure takes over. The Army, Navy, and Air Force attempted to make a viable plan that was realistic given each service’s constrained resources but that could ultimately withstand a government audit. Coming into the ROC Drill, each service had a clear understanding of its own policies, procedures, and force structure, but limited understanding of the other services’. I was struck by how similar our processes are; frequently the main differ-

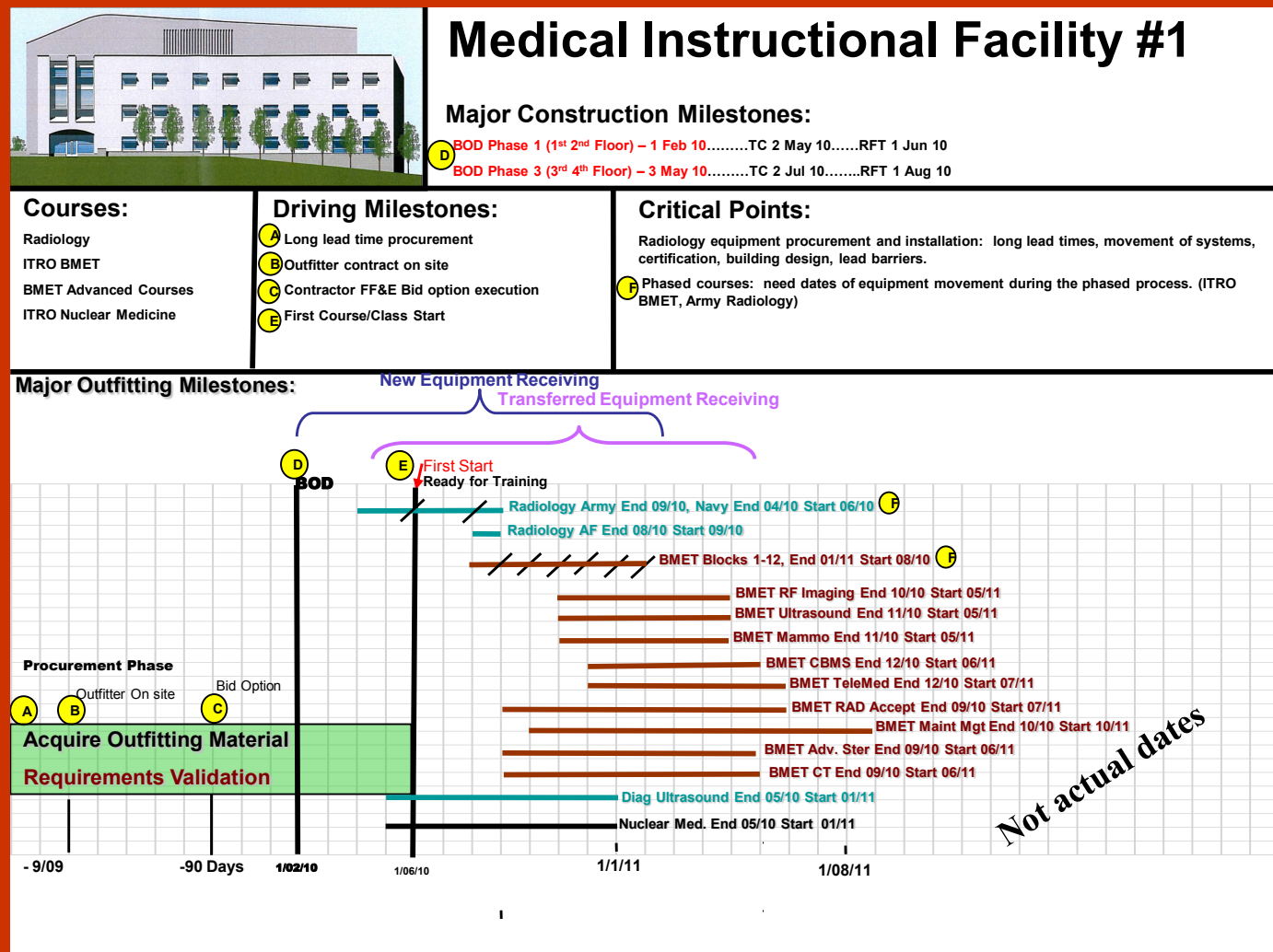
ence between the services was nomenclature. Supplies will still be ordered through Prime Vendor and ECAT, even though the Army will do the ordering. Vehicles will still be owned at the installation level (and because of joint basing, it will be an AF installation), but management of the assets will still be through an organizational vehicle control officer.

The face-to-face meeting was also a good opportunity to clear up confusion. Questions pertaining to the number of hand receipts (Army lingo) are now understood to mean the number of custodian CA/CRLs (AF lingo). If the Army requires two BMETs to support an activity, they expect four bodies; Army BMETs are generally augmented by a tool attendant and a supply clerk. Clearing up this confusion was the first step in

establishing realistic expectations between the services, but happened slowly if at all when communicating by email. The ROC Drill sped up this process tremendously. Overall the ROC Drill was a good experience and laid the foundation for world class tri-service logistics support during and after the move to METC. The most important take-away was to keep your focus on training an enlisted medic you’d want to go to war with; that’s what we owe our warfighters.

—Lt Robert Smalley

# ROC Drill example of an Equipment Movement Availability Diagram



This diagram (above) is an example of how the services are coordinating their equipment movement plans and the procurement of new equipment. Medical Instructional Facility (MIF) #1 will be filled with large amounts of high value medical equipment because it will house diagnostic imaging,

the BMET course, and nuclear medicine. Much of the equipment will be purchased new; because procurement takes a long time, the METC TIO logistics section is already purchasing.

However, the new equipment and transferred equipment must all arrive in San An-

tonio between the date the building is complete and the date training begins. The equipment must also not bottle neck at the Army's receiving area, so inter-service coordination is essential.

—Lt Robert Smalley



## Ophthalmic “Face-to-Face” Meeting

The Air Force Ophthalmic Apprentice Course and the Army Eye Specialist Course have encountered some unique challenges during the METC process. These courses, like many others in the 882 TRG, were challenged with creating a best practice course and a constrained course. Both courses were drafted and submitted for approval. The option that was chosen was the constrained course. During the development of the course, both the Air Force and Army personnel saw the benefits of merging the curriculum even closer than was originally thought and/or planned.

The Air Force and Army personnel met at Ft Sam Houston, TX in December 2008 to accomplish the first Face-to-Face meeting. At this meeting, both courses found there was a way to get the benefits of the best practice course while still staying within the constrained courses' criteria. The main differences between the cur-



rent courses are as follows: The Air Force Ophthalmic Apprentice Course teaches utilizing Phase I training. The Army Eye Specialist Course teaches utilizing Phase I and Phase II training. In order for these courses to merge together, closer than the constrained course, we had to create a way to mirror each other's training programs without creating a Phase II requirement for the Air Force.

Course Directors, Course Supervisors, Air Force 4V Career Field Manager, and senior Ophthalmic Technicians discussed several potential solutions to this problem. The most predominant solution is to create a 4 week practicum for

the Air Force to simulate the Army's Phase II. The new program would consolidate all knowledge tasks into about 5 weeks of combined training, 1 week of service specific training (to include medical readiness), and 4 weeks of clinical practicum. The clinical practicum would involve the students performing clinical duties in optometry and ophthalmology in either a simulated or actual patient environment. This recommendation is currently under review for possible implementation upon relocation to METC.

—MSgt Scott Morehouse

## Readers Feedback

This is your newsletter, we really want to hear back from you. Please take a few minutes out of your busy day to send us your feedback via an email. Simply tell us what features you liked in this newsletter and what

you'd like to see in our future issues of METC Chat. Your article submissions or suggestions are always welcome.—MSgt Ralph Cuevas



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# Future meetings, VTC's, discussions, etc...

1 Apr	Surgical Apprentice VTC	1300-1400
2 Apr	METC Academic IPT	1030-1130
6 Apr	Transition Team Meeting (alternating Mondays/Grp Conf Rm)	1300-1400
6-8 Apr	Mental Health RRA (in San Antonio)	
7 Apr	IM/IT VTC	1400-1500
8-10 Apr	Physical Therapy RRA (in San Antonio)	
8 Apr	882 TRG Academic Sub-IPT Meeting (Grp Conf Rm)	1300-1400
9 Apr	Stakeholders Meeting	0900-1000
9 Apr	Radiology VTC	
10 Apr	SPP Meeting	0900-1000
13-24 Apr	Eye Tech Face-to-Face (in San Antonio)	
13 Apr	882 TRG Sub-Team Lead Meeting (Grp VTC Room)	1300-1400
15 Apr	Surgical VTC	1300-1400
16 Apr	Logistics IPT Meeting	1300-1400
17 Apr	SPP Meeting	0900-1000
20 Apr	882 TRG METC Briefing (Lg Auditorium, Bldg 1900)	1200-1300
22 Apr	882 TRG Academic Sub-IPT Meeting (Grp Conf Rm)	1300-1400
23 Apr	Radiology VTC	1100-1200
23 Apr	Pharmacy VTC	1300-1400
24 Apr	SPP Meeting	0900-1000
27 Apr-8 May	Diet and Nutrition Face-to-Face (in San Antonio)	
27 Apr-8 May	Medical Logistics Face-to-Face (in San Antonio)	
27 Apr	882 TRG Sub-Team Lead Meeting	1300-1400
28-30 Apr	MIF 3 & 4 Build Out Review (in San Antonio)	
29 Apr	Surgical Apprentice VTC	1300-1400

\*other facility meetings will likely pop up between now and then.



## METC TDY Traveler Information

### ATTENTION: TDY Travelers

All personnel traveling on an Academic TDY to METC at Ft Sam Houston must process through the METC Transition Operations Center (TOC) in

Bldg 1900, Room 1103, prior to your departure. Each traveler will be given a briefing and an information package in regards to their TDY. Please call us at 676-8480 if you have any questions.  
— Mr. Dave Miles



## METC IM/IT Update

As we all know, technology has become a mainstay in almost every modern DoD classroom. Our new classrooms at Ft. Sam Houston will be no exception. The METC classroom will become one of the most cutting edge classroom environments in the world with the proposed combination of the Nomad PD2100A Multimedia Podium and the Mediasite ML440 Rich Media Recorder. Combined, these units have unique capabilities above and beyond that of any technology present in today's DoD classroom.



The Nomad **PD2100A** Multimedia Podium (pictured left) is the most powerful and robust model of the Multimedia Podium line. This all-in-one system integrates a wide variety of presentation equipment and can be permanently fixed or

mobile to share the technology from room-to-room. Activation is easy. Simply plug one power cord into a power outlet and the entire unit is activated and ready for use. Ceiling mounted projectors connect easily to

the Podium. Two key features, which set this model apart from the other Podium models are annotation and a 15" electronic touch-screen monitor, which is wireless.

The Mediasite **ML440** Rich Media Recorder (pictured right) is designed for mobile applications such as live remote events, conferences, and tradeshows or for easy movement throughout an organization to capture rich media presentations on-the-fly. Mediasite ML440 integrates the Mediasite rich media capture system with a built-

in high resolution display in a portable, rugged format. The unit is built on Sonic Foundry's proven real-time Rich Media Engine which automatically captures, encodes, synchronizes, and indexes all audio, video and visual content. Combined with Mediasite LX Rich Media Server, Mediasite ML440 becomes a powerful rich media communication



system with live broadcasting, web publishing and media management capabilities.

So what does all of this mean for the end user? These distinctive pieces of equipment eliminate the need for bulky teaching aids and technologies; conserving valuable classroom space. With the addition of the Mediasite server, the instructor will have the capability to push information real-time directly to the student. Information such as drawings, slide presentations or assignments can now be sent electronically to the student's desktop with the touch of a button. These new and exciting space saving technologies provide unsurpassed flexibility in courseware facilitation. —Lt Ramona Daugherty

## METC Tidbits

The Commander recently announced:

- The METC TIO has confirmed that the Ft Sam Club will be remodeled into a Student Center.
- The post medical/dental clinics nearest the METC will provide care to both students and permanent party (versus going to SAMMC-North aka BAMC).
- It is official that BAMC = San Antonio Military Medical Center North and Wilford Hall = SAMMC South.
- In addition to building at least one hotel on the post, there are also plans to build a multi-screen theater.
- The Next Chamber of Commerce visit – Sep 09 TBD – we are coordinating to bring the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce back to brief you on the changes occurring in San Antonio to accommodate our influx as well as possibly a job fair for spouses...stay tuned.

## Base Realignment and Closure Info

The Department of Defense (DoD) is committed to providing civilian employees affected by Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) maximum assistance to continue Federal careers or pursue other endeavors. The website below provides employees, managers, supervisors, and human resources specialists the latest information on BRAC, and a

variety of transition assistance programs offered by the DoD and other Federal agencies. In addition, this site answers questions concerning BRAC and transition programs, and links to websites that will help you learn more about BRAC, transition assistance, and employment opportunities.

This website also contains a regularly updated News and

Events section, access to the BRAC Transition video and a brochure which provides an overview of available transition assistance programs, and links to Component and Defense Agency Human Resources websites. Check this site often, as it is updated regularly with new information about BRAC and transition assistance.

— Capt Laura Strater

[http://www.cpms.osd.mil/brac/brac\\_index.aspx](http://www.cpms.osd.mil/brac/brac_index.aspx)

## 882 TRG METC “Town Hall” Meeting

On 20 April 2009, the METC Transition Operations Center (TOC) will host another “Town Hall/How Goes It” meeting in the large auditorium at 1200. All personnel are invited to attend.

As the 882 TRG gets closer to morphing into METC, it will

be important to ensure the exchange of information is flowing freely. This “Town Hall” meeting will now be a recurring meeting scheduled once a month, on a Monday at 1200 in the large auditorium. On these Mondays, the Town Hall meeting will replace the regularly

scheduled METC Transition Team or Sub-Team Lead Meetings. Upcoming briefings include 18 May, 22 June and 20 July.

If you have any questions concerning this meeting or any other METC meeting please call the METC TOC at 676-8477.

—MSgt Ralph Cuevas



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**METC Motto:**  
"Moving Enlisted Training Courses"

## Medical Education and Training Campus

### MISSION:

**We produce the world's best military healthcare personnel to support the nation**

### VISION:

**The nation's leader in military medical education and training**



## Stakeholders' Meeting

The next Stakeholder's meeting between the METC folks in San Antonio and all the learning centers will be on **9 April 2009**.

The primary purpose of the stakeholders' VTC is to give an update on the latest METC events. To view the slide updates, go to the shared drive at [\\B1900-2100pro\882metc\Public\Briefings\IPT\\_Updates](\\B1900-2100pro\882metc\Public\Briefings\IPT_Updates)



METC MIF # 1 & 2 under construction



## Next issue...

### Coming in May...

- \* An update on the new METC Building construction progress
- \* METC Transformation and Integration Office (TIO) update
- \* More VTC & Face-to-Face Meeting updates

**Artist depiction of the Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) at Fort Sam Houston**